

# PIER TIMES & TRAILS

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## Message from the President

Representing the Whitney Pier Historical Museum in Halifax for the Installation Ceremony at Province House on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> for Mayann Francis as Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor, was not only a privilege, but also quite the honor.

When Mayann Francis read her speech, she not only mentioned Whitney Pier three times but also commented on the multi-cultural aspect of our community. Her comments were heartfelt and was I feeling pretty darn proud! Whitney Pier can feel proud that two local residents have been so successful. The other person is the Supreme Court Justice J. Mike MacDonald formerly of Matilda St. who swore Ms. Francis in. I also spoke with Nova Scotia's Premier Mr. Rodney MacDonald who stated that Mayann Francis is a credit to our community. In conversation with Peter MacKay I was told that he has great expectations for Whitney Pier's future.

There was standing room only for the event. After the Inspecting of the Guards, Lt. Gov. Francis came back in the building to the wonderful singing of the Inspirational Singers led by Mr. Eddie Parris. The singers were posed on each side of the staircase from top to bottom in ethnic costumes and were truly a sight to see. It was great to see our WPHM members singing with Eddie, I can tell you Eddie can belt out great vocals! This man's voice has not lost anything over the years. After the second song, Mayann Francis was tapping her feet all the way. Her face lit up when the high notes were hit. I am sure it was hard for her to stay still with the songs the Inspirational Singers were doing.

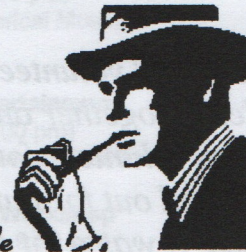
What a day for the community of Whitney Pier on National Level for recognition and future success! With the Plant and Coke Ovens closing, we can look to a brighter future for generations to come. Special mention to MLA Gordon Gosse and Councilor Mr. Jim MacLeod, and to our museum members who all sang so wonderfully.

I have to mention that WPHM members in the Choir and others did not know who I was all dressed up in a suit and tie and it was amusing.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis, we all are very proud of your accomplishments. There is a display in the museum is up in the entrance way dedicated to this fine lady. The day was emotional and I was very proud to represent the Whitney Pier Historical Museum.

On a solemn note, the WPHS has lost a dear friend and member, Mr. Jimmy Evans who recently passed away. His love for the Whitney Pier Historical Museum is well noted and appreciated. As a volunteer for many years, he did all the electrical work, helped with building, and worked hard on making the museum the success that it is today. He will be dearly missed by us all.

**I would like to thank the local businesses that supported our newsletter over the months. We could not have done it without you.**

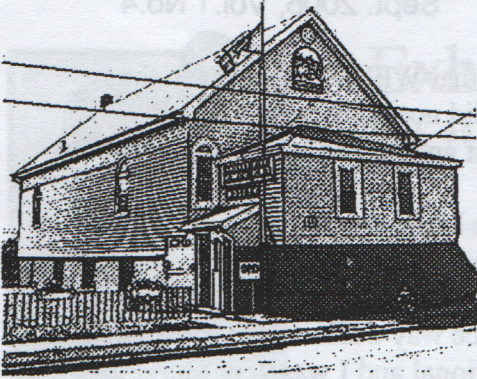


*Charlie Neville*

President,  
Whitney Pier Historical Society







## MUSEUM HOURS:

September 1-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment

October: for tours and by appointment

*Thank you to the staff and volunteers who help put this newsletter together and to those who continue to volunteer for the tours. To all who turned out for our Tuesday Teas, thanks a bunch. It was a lot of fun. Thanks again to the Trekkers who looked after our guests. Society meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the museum, and all are welcome.*

*Sandra Dunn,*

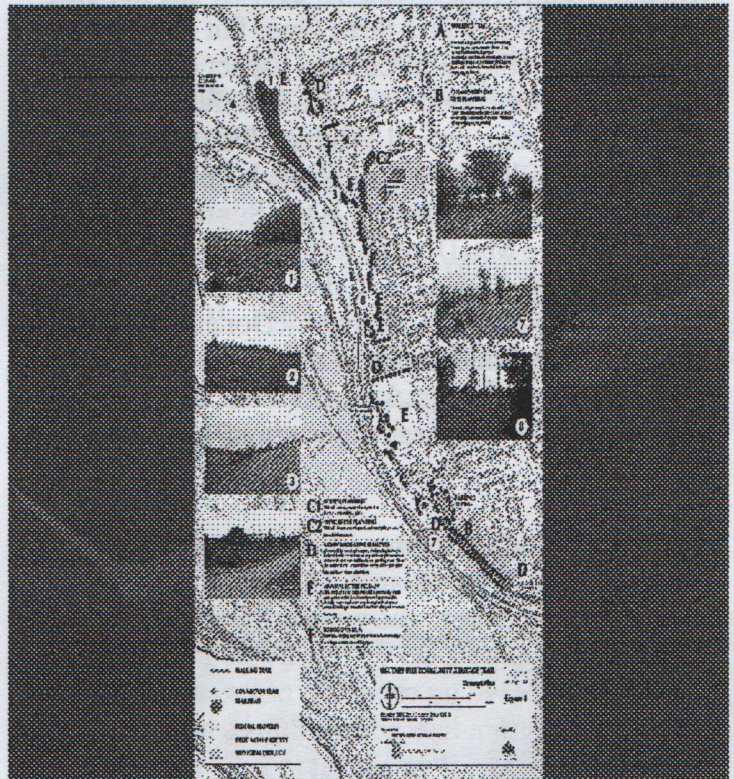
*Newsletter coordinator*



*by Mary Mombourquette*

## Trail Coordinator

At this time we are meeting with the powers that be to iron out details so that we can launch the final phase of the trail proposal. Watch the CB Post for further details.



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**Celtic Colours Concert  
October 10<sup>th</sup> Holy Redeemer Church**

**A note from the Pier Legion**

On Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> the Legion held their annual picnic at the playground. There were games of chance, pony rides and lots of food. 900 hot dogs and juice paks were passed out to the picnic goers. They wish to express their thanks to all the volunteers, Alan MacDonald (Ali Baba) and Horace MacLeod, coordinators.

Many thanks to Joan Candelora from Joan's Community Store, Pepsi and the Donnie Lund, who brought the ponies.

The public is invited to ongoing events at Branch 128 Thursday: Dance downstairs at the lounge Sunday breakfast, and Karaoke on Sunday afternoons

**IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!!**

By Sue Townsend

Welcome to another edition of In the Neighborhood.

\*We have a variety of dates of cruise ship visits happening September 5th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 19, 21st, 22nd, 27th, and the 28th. Give us a call if you can spare time to greet these visitors to our community. It is a lot of fun.

Morning buses arrive around 9:15 and afternoon buses about 1:45.

A reminder that the Anne Frank exhibit is on now at Victoria Park

**PIERSCAPE 2006**

**Opening Night**

Mon. Sept 25 (7:30 pm)

Gallery Hours 9 am - 8 pm (Tues - Sat)

Whitney Pier Memorial Jr High

**An Evening of Inspirational Music**

Tues. Sept 26 (7:30 pm)

Holy Redeemer Church

(1135 Victoria Rd)

Silver Collection

**Drama Workshop**

Wed. Sept 27 (10:00 - 3:30 pm)

African Orthodox Church Hall (Hankard St)

**Literary Night**

Wed. Sept. 27 (7:30 pm)

Whitney Pier Historical Museum

(Mt. Pleasant St)

**Social Tea & Entertainment**

Thurs. Sept 28 (2:00 pm)

Whitney Pier Historical Museum

**Creative Writing Workshop**

Fri. Sept 29 (6:00 - 9:00 pm)

Whitney Pier Historical Museum

**Italian Buffet**

Sat. Sept 30

(1:00 pm & 6:00 pm)

The Italian Hall (Gatacre Street)

By Ticket Only; Call 567-1492

**Intro to Art (ages 9 - 16)**

Sat. Sept 30 (1:00 - 4:00 pm)

Whitney Pier Memorial Jr High

(199 Jamieson Street)

Workshop Registration:

Whitney Pier Society for the Arts

Office (902) 567-1492

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## Exhibit "A":

# Remembering Our Past

*By Tammy MacNeil, Project Coordinator*

The Whitney Pier Museum has an exhibit dedicated to the men and women of the Pier who have served their country in wartime. In the museum's front porch we have a trunk from the Korean War as well as mannequins dressed in uniforms from the navy, army, and air force.

A large section of the museum's west wall displays various artifacts and documents pertaining to war. We have a medic's smock that was worn during WWII. There are several medals and certificates of recognition that were awarded to people from Whitney Pier also hanging on this wall. As well, we have many photographs and newspaper clippings of those who have served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

Two large oil paintings hang as part of the war exhibit. One is a painting that depicts the life and ultimate demise of Pvt. Alphonsus Hickey. The original painting by Frank Dunn traces Pvt. Hickey's upbringing in Whitney Pier (including Holy Redeemer Church, School, the Blast Furnace), and his journey to Europe to serve in the Second

World War. Pvt. Hickey sacrificed his life to save his comrades; he died at the age of twenty-four. The other oil painting that hangs in this display is of Sgt. Sidney Smith as an older man. A photograph of a young Sid Smith in uniform hangs next to the painting.

Other highlights on our "War Wall" include several shadow box displays (one is a tribute to the Black Battalion), victory loan certificates, and propaganda leaflets that were dropped by enemy forces to lower morale. We also have ration books, sand from Juno and Dieppe Beaches, and commemorative coins on display in one of our glass cases.

To learn more about this exhibit, please visit the Whitney Pier Museum. If you would like to share photographs or documents of your family members who served Canada in wartime, please contact us to learn more about donating. You can reach us at 564-9819.

